

Remarks/Arguments

Applicants respectfully traverse and request the consideration of all rejections in the office action mailed on November 28, 2005.

I. *Objection to the Claims*

Claim 15 was objected to on the grounds that it is a substantial duplicate of claim 12.

Claims 12 and 15 have been cancelled as set forth below.

II. *Rejection – 35 U.S.C. section 112, second paragraph*

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. This claim has been amended as the Examiner suggested, to state “a formula” instead of “the formula.”

Claim 11 has also been amended in the same fashion as it contains the same language.

III. *Rejection – 35 U.S.C. sections 102(b) and 103(a)*

Claims 1-9, 12, and 15 were rejected under either or both 35 U.S.C section 102 (b) or section 103(a). Applicants have cancelled claims 1-9, 12, and 15 without prejudice to presentation in a subsequent continuation application.

IV. *Allowable Subject Matter*

Claims 10, 11, 13, and 14 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants have amended dependent claim 10 to be rewritten in independent form, to include all of the limitations of claim 1, from which it depended. Claim 11 depends

from claim 10, and thus includes all of the limitations of claim 1 that are now included in claim 10.

Applicants have also amended dependent claim 13 to be rewritten in independent form, to include all of the limitations of claim 12, from which it depended. Claim 14 depends from claim 13, and thus includes all of the limitations of claim 12 that are now included in claim 13.

Accordingly, claims 10, 11, 13, and 14 are allowable as amended.


V. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner pass this case to issue. If the Examiner believes any issues remain outstanding, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' counsel by telephone to resolve those issues.

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